**PATENT** 

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In re Application of

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FOR A VEHICLE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of Claims</u>, which begins on page 4 of this paper. Claims 1-22 are pending, with claims 1, 9, 13 and 17 being the only independent claim.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.